

Creating with Words

Use your story dice to write a story.

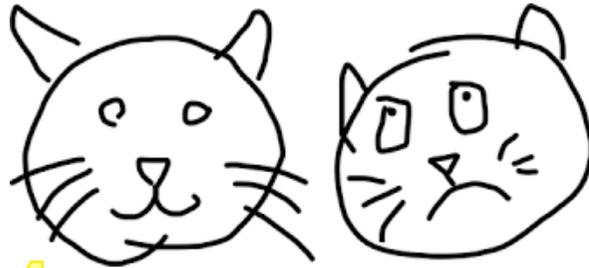
Roll the dice to see what symbol comes up first. Then pick a matching idea from the ideas map.

Keep doing this until you have at least one character, setting and plot idea. Then you're ready to start putting it together as a story.

Use a notepad to write down the ideas.

Then think about how to link them all together in a story.

Drawing pictures can help you work it out.



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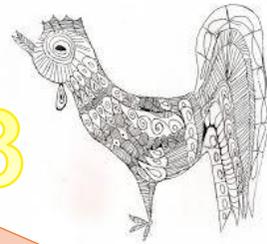
Lots of books have pictures in them. They are called illustrations and most are in black and white.



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Things to think about when illustrating stories:

1. How to make the same character look happy or sad.
2. How much black pen to use.
3. How much detail to add.

You can practice illustrating in a pad. When you know what you want to draw you can put it on the cover with a marker pen.

Creating with words is fun. We can write poems or stories, illuminate letters and illustrate words.

But first we need ideas!

Look at the ideas map below and jot down some things for each heading.



What?

Why?

When?

Where?



Nefise's story

A real life story from kirkleestogether.co.uk

"My name is Nefise. I am Kurdish, from Syria, 62 years old and married. I have three sons. For 30 years I worked as a primary school teacher in my country.

In 2011, when the war started in my country, nobody thought of leaving his country but the war left us with no choice. I had to pack my whole life into one small bag. My bag was not big enough to carry my home, my family, my friends and every warm corner of my city. So I left everything behind..... I had no choice.

At this age, it is very difficult to move from your homeland and very hard to start to build a new life from scratch. I left at night time and crossed the border in the dark. I had to walk through muddy fields for many hours and I lost my shoes during that journey. My clothes were all torn by the barbed wire along the border. As soon as I arrived in the Turkish city nearest the border, I went to a hotel to rest and change my clothes.

After that I went to the bus station and booked a ticket to go to Istanbul. I stood for the whole journey, for about 24 hours. After a few hours, the bus stopped for a break so that the passengers could get something to eat and drink. Whilst I was having my meal the bus went without me and I had to wait for several hours to be able to catch another bus. I booked a new ticket and waited for 7 hours in a petrol station before I was able to start my journey again.

I arrived in Istanbul and stayed there for two months. The smugglers lied to me, always saying that I would travel tomorrow, or in three days or after a week. One day the smugglers told me that I would travel that night and they came for me during the night to take me away. The lorry arrived, I got into it and stayed in there for three days without any food or drink until we got to the UK.

It was a very hard journey but now I live in Huddersfield. I go to Kirklees College three days a week to learn English. In the future I would like to be a teaching assistant. The people here are very friendly, polite and helpful."

Character



A person or animal in a story (who).

Who is the main character in this story?

Setting



A place where things happen in a story (where).

How many different settings can find in this story?

Plot



The events that happen in a story (what and why).

What events happen in this story?



Above is an example of a story dice.

Create a simple symbol for each of the three things that make up a story.

Draw them into the boxes above.

Copy two of each symbol onto a blank dice with a marker to make a story dice.

